



**WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FINAL DETERMINATION OF
NON-SIGNIFICANCE**
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Name of Proposal: WILLAPA RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT

Description of Proposal: The proposal is a 420-acre project which is designed to restore tidal inundation to an area which has been diked for the past 90 years. 10,000 linear feet of dikes are to be removed. The proposal includes excavating remnant tidal channels to restore natural tidal hydrology.

Proponent: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano, Washington 98563. Contact Person: Julie Henning

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: Left Bank of the Willapa River, Approximately One Mile Downstream of South Bend, Washington, Pacific County; Sections 17, 18, 19 and 20, Township 14 North, Range 09 West WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of the completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of issue below. Comments must be submitted by: **October 1, 2002**

Responsible Official: Cynthia R. Pratt

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

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e-mail: prattcrp @dfw.wa.gov if you have questions or comments about this determination.

DATE OF ISSUE: September 17, 2002 **SIGNATURE:** 